AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

No amendments are made by this Response. The below listing of claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 5. (Canceled)

6.   (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving a request to transfer content to a customer;

retrieving from a content source encrypted content corresponding to the requested content, the encrypted content being encrypted by a title key;

obtaining a customer identifier (I.D.) associated with the customer;

binding the requested content to the customer I.D. by using the customer I.D. to encrypt the title key;

transferring from the content source the encrypted content and the encrypted title key to a storage medium; and

storing the encrypted content and the encrypted title key on the storage medium, from which the encrypted content and the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said binding the requested content to the customer I.D. by using the customer I.D. to encrypt the title key comprises combining the customer I.D. with a media key provided by the content source.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said combining the customer I.D. with a media key comprises using a cryptographic one-way function.

9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Canceled)

11.   (Canceled)

12.   (Canceled)

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Canceled)

15.   (Canceled)

16.   (Canceled)

17.   (Canceled)

18.   (Canceled)

19.   (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon data representing sequences of instructions, the sequences of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the following:

receive a request to transfer content to a customer;

retrieve from a content source encrypted content corresponding to the

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requested content, the encrypted content being encrypted by a title

key;

obtain a customer identifier (I.D.) associated with the customer;

bind the requested content to the customer I.D. by using the customer I.D.

to encrypt the title key;

transferring from the content source the encrypted content and the

encrypted title key to a storage medium; and

storing the encrypted content and the encrypted title key on the storage

medium, from which the encrypted content and the encrypted title

key may be accessed by the customer.

20.   (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 19,

wherein said binding the requested content to the customer I.D. by using

the customer I.D. to encrypt the title key comprises combining the

customer I.D. with a Media Key provided by the content source.

21.   (Canceled)

22.   (Canceled)

23.   (Canceled)

24.   (Canceled)

25. – 30. (Canceled)

31.   (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium having stored

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thereon data representing sequences of instructions, the sequences of

instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to

perform the following:

access from a storage medium content encrypted with a title key, the

storage medium additionally storing a customer I.D. associated with

a customer requesting the content, a Media Key block (MKB), and

the title key that is encrypted (encrypted title key) with a customer

I.D., said processor to access content by:

processing the MKB to generate a Media Key by using Device Keys

associated with a device for using the content;

decrypting the encrypted title key to form the title key by reading a

customer I.D., and combining the customer I.D. and the

Media Key; and

using the title key to decrypt the encrypted content.

32.   (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 31,

wherein the instructions that cause the processor to combine the customer

I.D. and the Media Key comprises instructions that cause the processor to

use a cryptographic one-way function.

33.   (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 31,

wherein the content comprises a music title.

34.   (Canceled)

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35. (Canceled)

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a storage medium;

a computer system connected to the storage medium, the computer

system to:

access from a storage medium content encrypted with a title key,

the storage medium additionally storing a customer I.D.

associated with a customer requesting the content, a Media

Key block (MKB), and the title key that is encrypted

(encrypted title key) with a customer I.D., the computer to

access the encrypted content by:

processing the MKB to generate a Media Key by using

Device Keys associated with a device for using the

content;

decrypting the encrypted title key to form the title key by

reading a customer I.D., and combining the customer

I.D. and the Media Key; and

using the title key to decrypt the encrypted content.

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38.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the computer

system combining the customer I.D. and the Media Key comprises the

computer using a cryptographic one-way function.

39.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the content

comprises a music title.

40. – 43. (Canceled).